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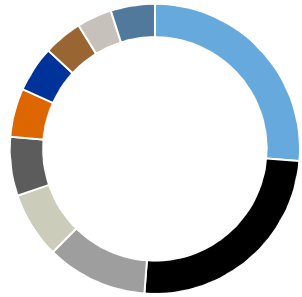
Russell Investments Australian Shares Fund

Sector allocation[3]



Financials	26.4%
Materials	24.8%
Health Care	11.3%
Consumer Discretionary	7.4%
Industrials	6.6%
Real Estate	5.4%
Energy	5.1%
Information Technology	4.4%
Communication Services	3.9%
Other	4.9%

Fund facts

Share class

Class A

Inception date

31 December 1997

Fund size

AUD 70.57m

Benchmark

S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index

Portfolio manager

James Harwood

Recommended investment timeframe

7 years

Tax structure

Investment - Class A

APIR code

RIM0006AU

ARSN code

092-807-728

Management fees and costs†

0.84%

Performance fees‡

N/A

Fund objective

To provide a total return, before costs and tax, higher than the Fund's benchmark over the long term by providing exposure to a diversified portfolio of predominantly Australian shares.

Fund strategy

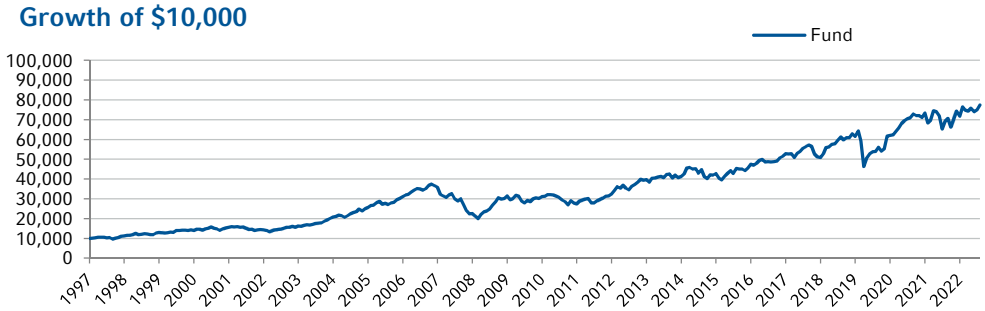
The Fund invests predominantly in shares and unit trusts listed or about to be listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. Derivatives may be used to obtain or reduce exposure to securities and markets, to implement investment strategies and to manage risk.

Performance review[1]

Period ending 31/07/2023	1 month %	3 months %	1 year %	3 years %p.a.	5 years %p.a.	Since inception %p.a.
Total return	3.13	2.14	11.92	12.76	6.51	8.33

1 Performance is net of fees and charges. Assumes reinvestment of income. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

Growth of $10,000



Fund commentary

The Russell Investments Australian Shares Fund outperformed the benchmark in July. Contributing to the Fund's outperformance was stock selection within the materials space. This included an underweight to iron ore major Fortescue Metals Group, which fell after management warned that inflationary pressures would lead to higher unit costs over the next 12 months. Other materials positions to add value were overweights to Sandfire Resources and BlueScope Steel. The Fund also benefited from stock selection within the consumer discretionary sector; notably an overweight to IDP Education, which climbed almost 13% over the period. Stock selection amongst industrials added further value in July, including underweights to toll road operator Transurban Group and supply-chain logistics firm Brambles. In contrast, stock selection within the information technology space detracted from overall performance. This included an underweight to internet connectivity business Megaport, which climbed almost 42% after management upgraded the company's earnings guidance. A material overweight to the poor-performing healthcare sector also weighed on returns; notably an overweight to biotech company CSL Ltd. Performance was further impacted by stock selection amongst utilities, including an underweight to AGL Energy, which hit a 52-week high in July. Other notable positions to impact returns were underweights to Commonwealth Bank of Australia and Woodside Energy Group; both of which made strong gains for the month.

3 Allocations may not equal 100% due to rounding.
† As a percentage of net assets. Includes management fee, indirect costs and expense recoveries. Reflects RIM's reasonable estimates of the typical fees for the current financial year. All costs reflect the actual amount incurred for previous financial year and may include RIM's reasonable estimates where information was not available or where RIM was unable to determine the exact amount. Refer to the PDS for further information.
‡ As a percentage of net assets. RIM does not charge a performance fee at the Fund level, however underlying funds and managers may charge a performance fee. This estimated fee is based on the average of actual performance fees incurred over the past 5 financial years. Refer to PDS for further information.

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Detailed performance review[1,2]

	1 year %p.a.	3 years %p.a.	5 years %p.a.	Since inception %p.a.
Total return	11.9	12.8	6.5	8.3
Distribution	5.6	4.1	4.2	5.7
Growth	6.4	8.6	2.4	2.6

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2 The distribution return reflects income paid from the Fund, whilst the growth return reflects changes in the capital values of the units.

ESG data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Risk Score**	24.03	23.35
Carbon Footprint***	170.38	178.79
Tobacco Exposure	0.00%	0.00%

** Higher scores imply higher ESG risk
*** Higher score implies greater carbon exposure
The ESG Risk Score is the weighted average of the Sustainalytics' Risk Score for companies in the portfolio. The Sustainalytics' Risk Score focuses on ESG issues that are financially material to the company and incorporates both risk exposure and issue management. The scores range from 0 to 100 where higher scores imply higher ESG risk. The carbon footprint is the weighted average carbon intensity of the Scope 1 (direct) and Scope 2 (electricity consumption) carbon emissions of companies in the portfolio, measured in metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO2-e) divided by company revenue (USD). Tobacco exposure is defined as the weight of securities in the portfolio classified as being in the GICS tobacco subindustry.

Top ten holdings

Security
BHP GROUP LTD
CSL LTD
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA
NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LTD
ANZ GROUP HOLDINGS LTD
WESTPAC BANKING CORP
ARISTOCRAT LEISURE LTD
GOODMAN GROUP
TELSTRA GROUP LTD
RIO TINTO LTD

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Portfolio structure[4]

Manager	Style	Weight %
Ausbil	Core, earnings revisions focus	23.0
DFA	Deep value small cap	14.0
Liquidity Reserve	Cash	3.0
Numeric Investors	Quantitative	20.0
Platypus	Aggressive growth	20.0
Russell Investments	Active positioning strategy	10.0
Russell Investments	Systematic positioning strategy - defensive	10.0

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